



# Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum

*"Honour Our Past - Ensure Our Future"*

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### Continuing Expansion at the Museum

Expansion projects can be undertaken by museums to gain more space and make their venues more accessible to visitors. Enhancing the experience involves updating their facilities and introducing more sustainable design, while also providing access to interesting artifacts.

Starting in 2008 the Baseball Hall of Fame Museum located at the Access Centre in Morden, has been gradually taking place. What was originally the racket courts has been repurposed to showcase approximately 50 jackets and jerseys. Some of the manikins have been dressed in uniforms dated from the 1900s to the 1990s.

"We will be looking to repurposing space and redesigning for the future. New showcases are on 'tap' along with senior lighting. This will be a large expense, which will be gradually incorporated," noted Jim Mutcheson, Administrative Manager.

Staff and volunteers have been working diligently to provide views with fresh, interesting, and ongoing exhibits.

The museum is part of the Musetoba. All items will be going

into a data base which all Manitoba museums will be part of.

Musetoba is collection management software that has been crafted specifically for museums in Manitoba. For many years, the AMM has planned for a common database for Manitoba museums. After discovering that their previous software was no longer supported and/or the cost was prohibitive, museums looking to renew or purchase collections management software decided to start the project.

"Ours is not too bad so far," noted Mutcheson.

More volunteers are needed by the museum to conduct guided tours. The Education System Volunteer Credit program will commence this semester. For 50 hours of volunteer work, students have the option to receive a 1/2 credit for 50 hours or a 1 credit for 100 hours of volunteer work.

Jim pointed out that "weekend volunteers can be very productive and promote what we have here."

The museum is pursuing the prospect of a digital projection component which would display various parts of the museum. They hope to feature their Induction Banquet as well as highlight their inductee interviews.



### Boissevain's Zoe Hicks named MVP of Baseball Canada's Women's National Team

To be noticed is 'a big deal for me,' says 25-year-old star

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Canada's best baseball player is from Boissevain.

Zoe Hicks, who plays both baseball and softball at the national level, has been named most valuable player of Baseball Canada's women's national team.

"It definitely was a surprise to me. I always try and perform for my team when the moment calls, but I didn't really expect to be the MVP this season," Hicks, 25, said in a telephone interview.

"I'm just kind of trying to do my best for the team, so it was it was a really big accomplishment for me to be succeeding and doing all that I can, on the field and off the field — to just be noticed for that. It's a big deal for me."

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## First Lady of Baseball Recognized Submitted by Ross Tycoles

The love of baseball and community has made Patti Hacault who she is. Patti has been involved in her region's baseball systems for the past 25 years. She has served in many official capacities including becoming the Region's AAA coach for various ages. She would always ensure interested players could attend and participate.

From its origin Patti has been the driving force behind the provincial girls program, starting it and then guiding it to its current prominent level.

Patti has been deservedly recognized by being named Baseball Manitoba's 2011 Volunteer of the year, as well as inducted into the Baseball Manitoba Honour Society in 2017, and the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2023. The most recent accolade Patti received was having the

community of Holland name their Baseball Park after her. (photo below). Patti is an active contributor to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Board and newsletter. Our board congratulates the First Lady of Baseball.



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## THE ROAD TO 2025 by Kevin Booker

The Canada Summer Games has added Female Baseball to the 2025 event in Newfoundland. Manitoba has named Jeremy Culleton as head coach with Brittany Langlais and Katie Heppner as assistants.

Tryouts for the 2024 14U and 16U teams are starting this month. Players from these age groups will make up the next year's Summer Games team.

### 14U Girls Development Team

- April 14 - 11:00am to 1:00pm (Triple Crown Indoor Sports Facility, Brandon)
- April 28 - 11:00am to 1:00pm (Home Run Sports Training Centre, Winnipeg)
- May 5 - 10:00am to 1:00pm (Rotary Republic Park, Portage la Prairie)

Note: Athletes will be required to attend one indoor tryout (April 14 or 28) and the outdoor workout (on May 5).

### 16U Girls Provincial Team

- April 14 - 11:00am to 1:00pm (Triple Crown Indoor Sports Facility, Brandon)
- April 28 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm (Home Run Sports Training Centre, Winnipeg)
- May 5 - 10:00am to 1:00pm (Rotary Republic Park, Portage la Prairie)

Note: Athletes will be required to attend one indoor tryout (April 14 or 28) and the outdoor workout (on May 5).

### Senior Women's Team

- April 27 - 12:00pm to 2:00pm (Home Run Sports Training Centre, Winnipeg)
- May 5 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm (Rotary Republic Park, Portage la Prairie)

Note: Athletes are expected to attend both tryout dates.

### Registration

- 14U (2010-12) - [teamtoba14ugirls.rampregistrations.com](http://teamtoba14ugirls.rampregistrations.com)
- 16U (2008-09) - [teamtoba16ugirls.rampregistrations.com](http://teamtoba16ugirls.rampregistrations.com)
- Senior (2007 and older) - [teamtobaseniorenwomen.rampregistrations.com](http://teamtobaseniorenwomen.rampregistrations.com)

## 2024 Manitobans in US and Canadian Colleges

Submitted By Kevin Booker

### US COLLEGES

Name	Hometown	Position	University / College
Bennett Freiter	St. Andrews	C	North Dakota State University ND
Arlen Peters	Schanzenfeld	P	South State University SD
Jordan Lussier	Winnipeg	P	Illinois State University IL
Jonah Norman	Winnipeg	INF/C	University of Minnesota-Crookston MN
Drew Hilhorst	Killarney	UTIL	Minot State University ND
Juni Song	Winnipeg	C	Minot State University ND
Dawson Rempel	Altona	P	Northern State University SD
Dawson Tweet	Russell	INF/C	William Jewell College MO
Xander Eilers	Brandon	INF/C	Dickinson State University ND
Devon Cook	Headingley	P	Valley City State University ND
Kaden Rozdeba	Strathclair	1B/C	Valley City State University ND
Daegen Morcom	Winnipeg	OF	Valley City State University ND
Cody Wielgosh	Beausejour	INF	Valley City State University ND
Shayne Campbell	Winnipeg	C	Reinhardt University GA
Michael Wright	Winnipeg	INF	Fisher College MA
Chad Picton	Winnipeg	INF	Tennessee Wesleyan University TN
Logan Warkentin	Domain	P/OF	Morningside University IA
Connor Cory	Wawanesa	P	Mayville State University ND
Tanner Boyle	Portage La Prairie	DH	Mayville State University ND
Zachary Evanochko	Winnipeg	P/INF	Mayville State University ND
Avery Kirkup	Souris	UTIL	Mayville State University ND
Maddux Mateychuk	Dominion City	P	Campbellsville University KY
Ethan Minaker	Winnipeg	P	Barton CC KS
Jaxon MacDonald	Winnipeg	P	Colby CC KS
Cody Gunderson	St. Malo	C/IF	Hutchinson Community College
Ethan Giesbrecht	Altona	P	Hutchinson Community College KS
Tyson Vassart	La Salle	INF	Hutchinson Community College KS
Dylan Duguay	Winnipeg	INF	South Suburban CC IL
Hayden Faraghe	Stonewall	INF	South Suburban CC IL
Colson Smith	Winnipeg	C	South Suburban CC IL
Kaeden Siwak	Winnipeg	OF	Lake Region State ND
Darby Olson	Morden	INF	Lake Region State ND
Hugh Montgomery	Winnipeg	OF	Lake Region State ND
Jack Moir	Winnipeg	C	Itasca Community College MN
Kevin To	Winnipeg	INF	Dakota-Bottineau ND
Brady Papineau	Great Falls	OF	Dakota-Bottineau ND
Joe Plett	Landmark	INF	Dakota-Bottineau ND
Wyatt Tweet	Russell	UTIL	Bismarck State ND
Nixon Carriere	Winnipeg	INF	Bismarck State ND
James Pinchin	Winnipeg	OF	Williston State ND
Cedric Lagasse	St. Adolphe	IF	Williston State ND
Matt Thompson	Winnipeg	P	Williston State ND
Leif Wilson	Virdean	P	Williston State ND
Jacob Young	Winnipeg	P	Williston State ND
Brett Laurin	Winnipeg	INF/P	Minnesota State MN
Sarah Moir	Winnipeg	INF/P	University of Dubuque IOWA
Randy LeBleu	Winnipeg	Acoach	Campbellsville University KY

### CANADIAN COLLEGES

Name	Hometown	University / College
Ben Baydock	Winnipeg	Laurentian University ON
Aidan Newton	Winnipeg	University of Calgary AB
Evan Ducharme	Winnipeg	University of Calgary AB
Alex Cooney	Winnipeg	University of Calgary AB
Landon Gudnason	Glenboro	Okanagan College BC
Zachari Treffaine	Winnipeg	University of Fraser Valley BC
Drew Vassart	La Salle	Thompson Rivers University BC
Donavan Collier	Winnipeg	Thompson Rivers University BC
Kasyn Sawisky	Winnipeg	Thompson Rivers University BC
Elie Feierstein	Winnipeg	Western University ON
Ryan Powers	Beausejour	Okanagan College BC
Liam Agar	Winnipeg	Carleton University ON

If I have missed anyone or some information is incorrect, please contact me at [bookerk21@gmail.com](mailto:bookerk21@gmail.com) so that I can fix the situation. Also, feel free to contact me with any news of future player/coach commitments.  
Kevin



## Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Access Events Centre

Morden, Manitoba

Tickets for the event can be purchased through the Hall of Fame's website, [www.mbhof.ca](http://www.mbhof.ca). Click on Banquet and follow the instructions.

# 2024 Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Individual Inductees

## **RYAN BOGUSKI BRANDON**

Ryan grew up in Sifton and played his minor ball in Dauphin. He was an excellent youth player and was chosen three times (1992-94) for the Manitoba Youth Team. In 1994 he made Team Canada. He was Manitoba Youth Athlete of the Year in 1992. He then attended Minot State University for two years and graduated with an Education degree. He currently coaches in the Brandon Minor Baseball system and with Crocus Plains High School.

## **CHRIS HOFER WARREN**

Played his ball in the Interlake region, mostly for Selkirk in Junior and then Grosse Isle and Stonew. He has been inducted into the Hall of Fame as part of both Grosse Isle and Stonewall teams. In 1989 he was with Team Manitoba at the first ever National Youth Tournament in Brandon. From 1990-92 he played at the National Baseball Institute in Vancouver.

## **DERRICK MUDGE WINNIPEG**

Primarily an infielder Derrick played wherever needed. He. In 1983 he was part of the Provincial championship 18U team from the Interlake that went to Nationals. In 1987 he was with Legion 141 Veterans and was an all-star in the Manitoba Junior League. He went to Senior nationals in 1996 as a pickup with Elmwood Giants. Since 2013 he has coached North Winnipeg teams at several age groups, taking three teams to Western Canada championships and finishing second in 2015 with the Pirates' 15U AAA team.

## **DEREK SHAMRAY OAK RIVER**

For over 40 years Derek has been an important contributor to baseball and hockey in the Oak River, Blanshard, Hamiota area. In minor ball he was a player on Provincial Championship teams at different age levels and categories. By the 2000s he had taken up coaching in minor ball and he coached Oak River, Tri-Town, and Midwest AAA teams to several provincial championships and three Western Canadian championships. He has been an instigator for baseball facility projects.

## **BRYAN SWAENPOEL SOURIS**

Bryan played his minor ball in Souris and was part of Oil Dome regional teams 1991-97. He also played at Western Canada Championships as a pickup with Carillon and Carman. In 1996 and 1997. In the late 1990s he was part of the Carman Goldeyes Junior teams inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2022. He played at two colleges in the USA, 1997-2003, and at Valley City State College he was named All-Conference catcher. As a Cloverleaf he was part of 6 MSBL championship teams. The 2007 team, inducted in 2019 into the Hall of Fame, won a silver medal at Nationals, the highest finish for a Manitoba team since the 1970s.

## **ELEANOR CALLOW (1927-1974)**

Eleanor was inducted into our Hall of Fame in 1998 as one of the Manitobans who played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. In her eight seasons she was named seven times to an all-star team. She played primarily for the Rockford Peaches and led them to three straight League titles, 1948-50. The AAGPBL folded after 1954 so Callow moved to Saskatoon where she excelled in softball, hockey, golf, and bowling.

## **STUART GILMAN CALGARY**

Stuart was primarily a middle infielder. He grew up in Winnipeg and played 18U for Charleswood and Junior for South End Chiefs. He was part of two provincial championship Junior teams as a pickup. He played for Team Manitoba at the Canada Games in 1981 in Thunder Bay. From 1980-84 he played on a scholarship at Mayville State in North Dakota

## **OLLIE SCHROEDER WINNIPEG**

Ollie was nominated by the Directors of the Red River Valley Baseball League for her more than forty years of service to baseball and other sports in Northeast Winnipeg. She was influential in the formation of the Winnipeg Minor Baseball Association, which administers city wide play. She was inducted into the Baseball Manitoba Honour Society in 1996 and named Baseball Canada Volunteer of the Year in 2006.

## **KEN SHARPE MINNEDOSA**

Then he played 15 years of Intermediate/Senior ball with Neepawa, Brandon, Cardale, Minnedosa and in every year he played at Provincial All-Star tournaments and the Provincial Championship. He was on the Board of Baseball Manitoba from 2000 through 2022, and for 12 years 2003-2014 he was President. From 2012 through 2016 he was also the President of the Western Canada Baseball Association. He was on the Board of Baseball Canada from 2002 to 2014, and since 2018 has been the organization's Treasurer.

# 2024 Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Inductees

## **KINOSOTA COUGARS, 1965-1970**

### **SENIOR CLUB TEAM CATEGORY**

A baseball team was first formed in Kinostota in the 1930s. The team became the Cougars around 1961. The caliber of the team and the support from the community peaked in the late 1960s. A huge highlight was playing baseball in front of Queen Elizabeth in an exhibition game in Portage in 1970. The team has since disbanded but a large cougar on a huge rock at the entrance to the village of Kinostota informs you that this is the "Home of the Cougars."

## **2010 MANITOBA JUNIOR LEAGUE ALL STARS**

### **SPECIAL TEAM CATEGORY**

This team won the 2010 Junior National championship held in Trois Rivieres, Quebec. It had been 28 years since a Manitoba team had done this. The team was composed of players from different communities that had teams in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League. The Manitoba team did not have power hitters so had to rely on "small ball" to get their results. The players stole bases, bunted, used the hit-and-run, played solid defense, and above all pitched well throughout the tournament. The tournament MVP was Anthony Friesen.

## **FAMILY CATEGORY**

### **THE TYCOLES FAMILY, RESTON**

Ross Tycoles was employed by the Bank of Montreal and moved from Saskatchewan to Reston in 1974. In 1975 he married Carol Ellis of Reston. In the 1980s the couple had three children. Soon the Tycoles family was becoming known as the first family of baseball in southwestern Manitoba. It is appropriate that Reston's ball park is Tycoles Park. Ross was a prominent slugger who became an outstanding coach and organizer. He took the Reston Rockets from AA to AAA caliber in 2007 and eventually to two Canadian championships as Manitoba's representative. He is now chair of Baseball Manitoba's Senior Council. Son Aaron was part of the Rockets in their glory years and now lives in Rivers where he has been instrumental in developing minor baseball and a new baseball complex. He served for eight years on Baseball Manitoba's Management Committee and is now President of the Westman region. Second son Rory was also part of the Rockets. He was Manitoba's Senior AA Player of the Year in 2004 and AAA Player of the Year in 2012. Later he moved to Stonewall and was part of the Western Canada champion Stonewall Blue Jays in 2019. He lives in Lundar and is active in minor baseball and in building better baseball facilities. Daughter Amy also now lives in Lundar where she is Vice-Principal. She was the long time Reston Rockets announcer, scorekeeper, program maker, 50/50 coordinator, and canteen coordinator. She has been announcer/statistician/scorekeeper at Nationals in Brandon and Westerns in Stonewall. Meanwhile Carol has been for nearly half a century organizing lunches, cleaning uniforms, arranging car rides, and cheering for husband, children and grandchildren.

## **MANITOBA'S 1977 SUMMER GAMES TEAM**

### **SPECIAL TEAM CATEGORY**

The 1977 Canada Summer Games were held in St. John's, Newfoundland. Manitoba won a silver medal in the baseball tournament. The players on Manitoba's team came from the Manitoba Junior League, the Redboine League, and the Manitoba Senior League. As it turned out, half the players came from Winnipeg and half from rural Manitoba centers. The team jelled under coaches Joe Wiwchar and Gus Beitz.

## **OIL DOME BANTAM ALL STARS, 1990**

### **SPECIAL TEAM CATEGORY**

This was an all-star Bantam team formed for the Manitoba championships and then with further pickups for the Western Canada Championships held in Carman. In the Western Canada tournament, they went undefeated in round robin play and faced Saskatoon in the final. The team was coached by Doug Miner of Pearson, assisted by Murray Zuk of Souris and Wayne Keeler of Hartney. Among the players were outstanding athletes such as future pro baseball player Troy Fortin and future NHL players Marty Murray and Pete LeBoutillier.

## **HONOURARY LIFE MEMBER**

### **GLENNIS SCOTT**

Glennis Scott has been inducted into our Hall of Fame (1998) and selected for Manitoba's All Time Dream Team (2016). These honours came mostly because he was one of the best pitchers our province has ever produced. He also became an outstanding coach and clinician. However, today we recognize him for his enormous contributions to the Hall of Fame. He was one of the original Directors.

## **HONOURARY LIFE MEMBER**

### **JOE WIWCHAR, MORDEN**

Joe Wiwchar was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in 2023. He was an outstanding coach for half a century at the local, provincial, and national levels. He also served Baseball Manitoba in many capacities for more than three decades. He has now become an Honourary Life Member of this Hall of Fame because of his efforts as a volunteer Administrative Manager of our Museum. He held the position for the first 24 years of the Museum's existence